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Interview with Trevor Ncube: “In conversation with Trevor”

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John Robertson, managing director of Robertson Economic Information Services, discusses the ongoing economic problems in Zimbabwe with entrepreneur and publisher Trevor Ncube on his acclaimed programme, “In Conversation with Trevor”. They discuss the failure of the government to support the business sector and the fact that government should be *facilitating* business development, not trying to *control* it. The business sector should be allowed to get on with building enterprises for the good of the entire economy but government continues to limit the people, explains Robertson.

The previous government was in the business of creating wealth, but the Mugabe and Mnangagwa governments approach the economy from a socialist and ideological standpoint which believes in wealth redistribution. However after a while there’s not much to redistribute! The collapse of the USSR was symptomatic of that, as were the failures of Maoist China, says Robertson.

He notes that today, China is very much in support of ideas that generate wealth through its own business people and this is why they have become so successful and wealthy in recent years. In contrast, Africa still believes you can redistribute wealth from where it is to where you want it. This is a misinterpretation of wealth. Wealth is not money but the ability to generate or create wealth. It’s ability!

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